

## 24 ROOM SCHOOL AT MT. PLEASANT IS DISTRICT NEED

Officials Point to Overcrowded Johnson-Powell Buildings.

Construction of a new twenty-four-room public school in Mount Pleasant to relieve overcrowded conditions at the Powell and Johnson schools, on Hiatt place, between Irving and Lamont streets, is vitally needed in the opinion of school officials. Both of the schools are overcrowded, portable buildings having been pressed into use to accommodate the heavy enrollments.

The Johnson and Powell schools, familiarly known as the Johnson-Powell group, are now caring for two-thirds of the children of the Mount Pleasant section. The nearest school on the north of these two buildings is the West, about one mile and a half distant. Like all the school houses in the northwest and subdivision sections, the West is overcrowded.

There are 1,195 pupils enrolled in these two schools, which are almost directly across the street from one another. Seven hundred and nine are enrolled at the Powell and 486 at the Johnson. This is an increase of 241 over the peak enrollment of the two schools last year, which reached 1,104, the Johnson having 419 children and the Powell 685.

**Powell a Modern School.**  
The Powell School is one of the most modern school buildings in the District, it having a large assembly hall, a manual training shop, a domestic art center and a domestic science center. It also has a club-room in a corner room of the building which is used by the mother's club of the school. This school when erected about three years ago, had eight classrooms. Four years ago, however, eight rooms and an assembly hall were added, and other modern improvements installed.

With a sixteen-room building, the Powell has been unable to comfortably accommodate its heavy enrollment. Two portables have been added to the school and a half-day session instituted for third grade pupils to meet the increased enrollment. In some of the classes forty-eight children are attending, more than school officials believe one teacher is able to instruct properly. Forty to forty-four children are quartered in each of the portables.

The mothers' club of this school is making preparations to serve hot luncheons to the pupils in the near future. The food is to be prepared and cooked in the room turned over to the club for its meetings. Teachers at the school now are using this club-room in the preparation of their lunches.

**Johnson School Older.**  
The Johnson School is a much older building than the Powell, it having been erected about thirty years ago. It is an eight-room building, and like the Powell, has been so overcrowded that a portable had to be used. This school is badly in need of better lighting facilities. At present it has a gas lighting system, which is confined entirely to the basement. The basement of the building is without any lights.

One of the principal needs of these two schools is adequate playground space and more equipment. There is a small play space which children at the two schools now use, but is entirely inadequate.

**MORE PLAY SPACES  
NEED OF DISTRICT,  
MRS. RHODES SAYS**

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manent playgrounds in Washington. "The most important function of playgrounds, Mrs. Rhodes believes, is to furnish the boys and girls with wholesome recreation and exercise during the hours when children otherwise would play upon the streets. "Open-air playgrounds," the report goes on, "mean health and happiness to the children, and we have some good grounds, but it still is true that there are thousands of children in Washington growing up without the streets as their only place to play. Yet we all agree that the street is the most dangerous spot for every child, and the little child. Streets and alleys do not turn out the best product for citizenship."

**Facilities Below Standard.**  
Summing up her recommendations, the supervisor says:

"Our playground facilities are far below the standard of needs. We need more grounds. We need permanent grounds, those from which we shall not have to move. We need more money for the maintenance of the grounds we already have. We need more directors and assistants than we now have, and we need larger salaries for those already in our employ."

"The playground worker should be paid equal at least with the teaching profession, as one in this work must be able to interest and instruct the various groups, from kindergarten to adult, and at times look after anywhere from 100 to 1,000 children, with many visitors, in a day. May I repeat that the great outstanding lack in regard to playgrounds in the District is the demand for more playgrounds."

Three playgrounds were opened during the fiscal year ended last June. They were: Logan, 3d and G streets northeast; Park View, Warfield street and Otis place, and Gallinger, on F street between 21st and 22d streets. In addition, the department detailed a teacher to the playground at the Washington City Orphanage.

The report of F. L. Brunner, in charge of the municipal bathing pools in Potomac Park, which is included in Mrs. Rhodes' report, states that there was great demand for instruction in swimming during the past year.

**SAYS MEN HAVE TO SIGN.**

**Crandall Mackey Queries Senator**

**Elkins on Labor Contract.**

Crandall Mackey, attorney for the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, has addressed a letter to Senator Davis Elkins of West Virginia, director of the Washington and Old Dominion railway, in which the latter is asked if he approves "the form of contract" forced upon the employees of the Washington and Old Dominion railway whereby the employees each agree to forfeit \$50 to J. V. Davis, manager of the railway, if they join a labor union.

Mr. Mackey tells Senator Elkins: "If you repudiate it you have power to stop the use of it and the forfeiture of the \$50 that has in many instances already been taken from the pay of those discharged for joining the brotherhood."

**STATES PROBE CORN BORER.**

Specialists of the Department of Agriculture, headed by Assistant Secretary Hall, have left Washington to investigate damage done by the European corn borer in Massachusetts, New York, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania.

**BEGINS TERM AT ATLANTA.**

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., October 2.—C. J. Slaght, former postmaster at Stafford, Va., has surrendered himself to the United States marshal and is en route to Atlanta to begin serving a sentence of eighteen months in the Federal prison. He was recently convicted of embezzling post office funds amounting to \$2,300, but was given a few weeks to wind up his personal business affairs before beginning his sentence.

## SCOTTISH RITE BODIES HONOR STERLING KERR

Choose Him as General Secretary  
to Succeed the Late Elmer  
E. Simpson.



STERLING KERR.

Sterling Kerr was chosen general secretary of the four Scottish Rite bodies of Washington at a mass meeting of the members last evening at the cathedral, 3d and D streets northwest. He succeeds the late Elmer E. Simpson, who died last week.

Mr. Kerr, who was chosen on the first ballot, received 257 votes. On a motion the choice was immediately made unanimous. Others nominated were J. Claude Keiper, Jason Waterman and Lem Towers, Jr. The name of William L. Boyden, librarian of the Supreme Council, was placed in nomination. Mr. Boyden, however, declined the honor.

Prior to the balloting for secretary it was agreed that the person chosen to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Simpson would receive the vote of the bodies for the position at the next election, as the secretary is required to devote his entire time to the office.

Following the election, Sovereign Grand Commander George Fleming of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite, announced the appointment of Roe Fulkerson as deputy of the Supreme Council for the District of Columbia, to succeed Mr. Kerr, the choice of the latter for grand secretary of the local bodies of the rite necessitating his resignation as deputy.

**EMPLOYEES ENTERTAINED  
BY LANSBURGH BRO.**

**Five Hundred at Merry-making in**

**Celebration of Mercantile Firm's**

**Sixtieth Anniversary.**

Five hundred strong, the employees of Lansburgh & Brother, Inc., made merry last night in the city in celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the firm. Speeches were made by both the employers and employees. A large birthday cake with sixty candles was presented to the firm on behalf of the employees by Marx Kahn, one of the oldest buyers in the store, who called attention to the many benefits offered by the firm and pledged loyalty to the store.

Leonard Weinberg, attorney and member of the board of directors, was toastmaster for the occasion. He said that the banquet was arranged by the store in appreciation of the loyal work of its employees.

Thomas Lyon, general counsel of the firm, said that a loyal organization made the difference between success and failure. "Without organization of its employees, where every one works toward the same end," said Mr. Lyon, "a business must die. The fact that this store still exists and has grown so greatly during sixty years proves that there has been intelligent cooperation on the part of the employees."

Samuel Hart, who has been connected with Lansburgh & Bro. for nearly forty years, pointed out the advantages of working in a store now over those of former years. He said employees now work about half as long receive many times more salary, have libraries, lunchrooms and many other conveniences.

Adolph Weyl, treasurer, announced a plan for distributing among the employees the profits of the two weeks' anniversary celebration. Every employee of the store will be given a quota, he said, and those that attain the quota or go over it will be entitled to the bonus.

William Schmucker, assistant to the general manager, directed the singing.

**CLUB WILL EXPAND.**

**Old Colony Plans to Spread From**

**Paris to Frisco.**

Tentative plans are under way to extend the range of the Old Colony Club, an association of the world's business men, from Paris, France, to the Pacific coast of the United States. The several hundred members of the organization in this vicinity received word yesterday that a branch had just been opened in the St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco, and that the Hotel du Rhin, in the Place Vendôme, Paris, would be the headquarters of another branch during the winter.

The Old Colony Club aims to provide a home for its members in every commercial center. There are now seventeen cities in which club members have commodious rooms where they make their home while in that city.

The membership list contains more than 10,000 American, Canadian and English business executives, and the next President and Vice President of the United States are members, as are the nominees of both parties, republican and democratic, belong to the Old Colony Club.

Charles Condrilis and E. Hume Talbert, two local club members, serve upon the national advisory board.

**PROMOTED TO BE CAPTAINS.**

First Lieuts. Charles A. Pfeiffer, Paul M. Patterson, George R. Harris, Jr., Clark A. Wilcox and Allan C. Sutton, Medical Corps, and First Lieut. George J. Shibley, Dental Corps, have been promoted captains in the Regular Army.

**Fine Madras Shirts, \$4 Each**  
Extra Quality Woven Madras and Silk-striped Madras Neglige Shirts, in attractive colorings, some two-toned and others plain colors.

**Fiber Silk Neglige Shirts, \$5 Each**  
High-grade Fiber Silk Neglige Shirts, white ground with neat colored stripes and plain colors with white stripes; very attractive.

**When coffee disturbs nerves or digestion, just change your table drink to**

**INSTANT POSTUM**

"There's a Reason"

# MEN'S WEEK AT WOODWARD & LOTHROP



**140 Fall-Winter Suits  
Marked at \$39.50**

When they have been selling at one-third to nearly one-half more

This is a very striking illustration of the lowered prices that men may take advantage of this week. It is not intended to give the idea that our entire assortments are lowered in accordance with this price. But it is an evidence of the values that the Men's Clothes Store offers.

**Single Breasted Suits,  
Double Breasted Suits,  
Two-Button Suits,  
Three-Button Suits,  
Part and Full-Lined Suits**

The range of colors is all-inclusive; browns of different tones and designs; navy blue, in plain, fancy weaves and stripes; checks, plaids and novelties in all sorts of tasteful combinations. They are elegantly selected and superbly tailored suits.

We commend this offering to men as one of the best we have ever been able to make.

**Sizes 34 to 46 Regulars,  
Sizes 36 to 44 Longs,  
Sizes 38 to 46 Stouts  
Sizes 40 to 46 Long Stouts**

Also a Special Offering  
of a Limited Number of

**Knitted Jersey Topcoats**

In Dark Gray Heather, Tan and Brown Mixtures

**Sizes 36 to 44**

**Specially priced, at \$27.50 each**

**Tan Cape Walking Gloves, \$3.65 Pair**

Selected quality capeskin, in the popular cordovan shade. Soft, pliable, dressy gloves, with heavy outseams and one-clasp fastener.

**Silk Neglige Shirts, \$7.50 Each**

Plain White Jersey and Radium Silk Neglige Shirts; an exceptional quality and very dressy.

**Outing Flannel Pajamas, \$3 Suit**

Good Warm Pajamas, in blue, pink and lavender stripes; military collar and pockets; all sizes.

**Silk Socks, \$1 Pair**

Pure Thread Silk Socks, full fashioned, with high spliced double lisle heels and toes. In black, white, gray, tan, Palm Beach and cordovan.

**Pure Thread Silk Socks, \$1.50 Pair**

Full-fashioned Regular Made Pure Thread Silk Socks, with high spliced heels and double lisle toes; fine, evenly woven throughout. The colors are black, white, navy and cordovan.

**Fine Percal Shirts, \$2 Each**

Fast-color Percal Neglige Shirts, of a fine count weave, attractive striped patterns with soft cuffs.

**Madras Neglige Shirts, \$3 Each**

Woven and Printed Madras Neglige Shirts, striped patterns, in neat and pronounced colorings that are absolutely fast; soft cuffs.

**Fine Madras Shirts, \$4 Each**

Extra Quality Woven Madras and Silk-striped Madras Neglige Shirts, in attractive colorings, some two-toned and others plain colors.

**Fiber Silk Neglige Shirts, \$5 Each**

High-grade Fiber Silk Neglige Shirts, white ground with neat colored stripes and plain colors with white stripes; very attractive.

And for this occasion we shall offer a large quantity of high-grade wearables for men

**Very Much Less Than Previous Prices**

¶ These lowered prices are the result of a lowering of wholesale costs on the part of some of our best makers.

¶ It is a significant occasion—we are offering values that are reminders of pre-war days—better by far than we had ourselves anticipated. But in so doing we are carrying out our long established policy of giving our customers the benefit of any favorable changes as they occur in the wholesale markets.

¶ Furthermore: As often as LOWERED WHOLESALE PRICES come to us—no matter in what line—you may be sure that you will be given the advantage of them.

¶ Men are invited to avail themselves fully of these offerings—and to become better acquainted with our STORE FOR MEN. A store conducted as a distinct entity. Its own organization—buyers and salesmen, highly experienced in men's trade and methods. We pride ourselves on its arrangement; on the diversity of its stocks; the fashion correctness of its merchandise; its values; its progressiveness in reflecting the wholesale markets.

**Here are the values that men should be quick to grasp and use to their own advantage**



**Four Styles in Men's Shoes**

**Special for Men's Week..... \$9.75 Pair**

Made of tested leathers that assure long wear and best service; the lasts differ greatly so that men of widely varying tastes may be satisfied.

Young Men's Dark Tan Boarled Calfskin English Brogues, with heavy soles which have rawhide insert to prevent dampness. This particular oxford is very popular and very practical.

Young Men's Genuine Russia Calfskin High Shoes, in dark tan color with wing tip; a nobby, smart dress shoe.

Dark Tan Russia Calfskin Shoes, made on neat fitting straight English last with rubber heels.

Men's Dark Tan Winter-weight Blucher Shoes, made with good broad toe and low heel, and a rawhide insert in the Goodyear welt sole. The whole shoe is viscolized so that it is practically waterproof, making it very desirable for rough weather and particularly to those men who dislike to wear rubbers.

**Our Highest Grade Men's Shoes**

**Now Priced for the First Time at..... \$12.75 Pair**

All of these Shoes have, until the present time, been selling considerably higher, as many patrons will realize when they see them. Now the prices are brought down about one-quarter, as a result of changes that have occurred in the wholesale market.

Genuine Shell Cordovan Brogue High Shoes, one of the season's most popular models with rubber heels.

Genuine Shell Cordovan Brogue Oxfords—a pronounced English Brogue model with blunt toe and broad flat flange heel.

Best Grade Tan Russia Calfskin English High Shoes, in a neat, plain, dressy model with medium narrow toe.

Finest Quality Tan Russia Calfskin Blucher High Shoes, made on a comfortable broad toe last for the conservative man or the stout man.

**Balbriggan Underwear, \$1.50 Garment**

Medium-weight Ribbed Balbriggan Underwear, very elastic and perfect fitting; shirts have long sleeves and the drawers reinforced seat. Regular and stout lengths.

**Gray Merino Underwear, \$3 Garment**

Splendid quality natural gray Merino, soft finish and a weight particularly desirable for our climate; shirts with long sleeves and drawers with reinforced seat. Regular and stout lengths.

**Outing Flannel Pajamas, \$3.75 Suit**

Best Quality Outing Flannel, in fast color neat stripes, with military collar.

**Outing Flannel Nightshirts, \$2.50 Each**

V neck and turn-down collar styles, of soft, comfortable outing flannel; sizes 15 to 19, inclusive.

**Muslin Nightshirts, \$2 Each**

Plain White Muslin Nightshirts, V neck style, trimmed with braid; sizes 15 to 20.

**White Muslin Pajamas, \$2 Suit**

Good, Serviceable, Plain White Muslin Pajamas, V neck style, fastening with pearl buttons and frogs.

**Indestructo Cravats, \$2.50 Each**

An unusually attractive variety of patterns and colorings of the well-known Indestructo Cravats, which give such satisfactory service. The assortment is particularly large and your preferred color is easily obtained.

**Silk Four-in-Hands, \$1.50 Each**

Figured and striped patterned silks in the new fall shades and latest shapes. Neckwear of this quality has not been so low priced in several seasons.



**Woodward & Lothrop**